

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING RANGER DOUG FOLLETT OF WHITEFISH

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Doug Follett of Whitefish for guiding countless visitors through Glacier National Park, one of our nation's natural wonders, for 70 years.

Ranger Doug has spent decades in and around Glacier National Park. His family moved to Whitefish, Montana when he was a toddler, and he's made the area his home ever since. Before working at Glacier National Park, he worked for the railroad and served the United States in the Air Force during World War II. He began working seasonally in Glacier National Park during the summer while he taught high school history in the winter.

Ranger Doug has spent 58 seasons as an interpretive ranger in Glacier National Park, making him one of the longest-serving employees of the National Park Service. He has led thousands of visitors through trails in the park's expansive forests and beautiful glacier-carved mountains and valleys.

Ranger Doug greets visitors with a fist bump and is known for reciting his original poetry dedicated to the park. An ambassador of Glacier National Park, he shares his knowledge and experience with the thousands of visitors he guides each year. Those who cross Ranger Doug's path each season walk away from Glacier with his infectious passion and enthusiasm for the park.

A well-known figure in Glacier National Park and in the community, Ranger Doug has no plans to slow down and retire anytime soon, saying, "I'll never know until it's over."

Many more stories and experiences will come from those who cross paths with Ranger Doug.

Madam Speaker, for serving 70 years as an ambassador of Glacier National Park and Montana to the millions of visitors who visit the park each year, I recognize Ranger Doug Follett for his spirit of Montana.

HONORING ADMIRAL MANFRED NIELSON FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Admiral Manfred Nielson for his service as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at NATO's headquarters in Norfolk, VA.

Admiral Nielson, German Navy, took over responsibilities as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at Norfolk, Virginia, in 2016.

In this critical role at NATO's only strategic headquarters in North America, Admiral Nielson promoted and advanced his headquarters' role in innovating and developing the alliance's transformational approaches in future warfare.

He increased the collaboration between private companies and the public sector to accelerate the pace of discovery. He expanded NATO's outreach to academic institutions to build networks, improve decision-making simulations, and increase engagement with the next generation of thinkers and leaders. He has been a strong and active supporter of the NATO Model Challenge where NATO is introduced to local students in an annual conference.

Admiral Nielson often emphasized the need for close cooperation with the U.S. as an open and generous host nation. He always stressed his gratitude for the incredible welcome he received throughout the U.S. He constantly connected and liaised with American officials to deepen our work with NATO.

He put enormous efforts in strengthening ties to the local community through events and activities, as well as constant communication and information exchange. Because of him, relationships with several local universities and think tanks are excellent. He also enjoyed and promoted the cultural life in Norfolk by hosting various events to show German hospitality and promote the U.S.-German partnership. He always promoted the special relationship between the U.S. and Germany based on common shared values.

In return, I acknowledge that the United States owes our gratitude to this outstanding officer for his generous spirit, keen insight, and tremendous partnership. I wish Admiral Nielson the best as he concludes his tour as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation and returns to Germany.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed votes from July 11 through July 15 due to Hurricane Barry. Had I been present, I would have voted: nay on Roll Call No. 438; nay on Roll Call No. 439; nay on Roll Call No. 440; nay on Roll Call No. 441; nay on Roll Call No. 442; nay on Roll Call No. 443; nay on Roll Call No. 444; nay on Roll Call No. 445; nay on Roll Call No. 446; nay on Roll Call No. 447; nay on Roll Call No. 448; nay on Roll Call No. 449; nay on Roll Call No. 450; nay on Roll Call No. 451; nay on Roll Call No. 452; nay on Roll Call No. 453; nay on Roll Call No. 454; nay on Roll Call No. 455; nay on Roll Call No. 456; nay on Roll Call No. 457; nay on Roll Call No. 458; nay on Roll Call No. 459; nay on Roll Call No. 460; yea on Roll Call No. 461; nay on Roll Call No. 462; nay on Roll Call No. 463; nay on Roll

Call No. 464; nay on Roll Call No. 465; nay on Roll Call No. 466; nay on Roll Call No. 467; nay on Roll Call No. 468; nay on Roll Call No. 469; nay on Roll Call No. 470; nay on Roll Call No. 471; yea on Roll Call No. 472; nay on Roll Call No. 473; yea on Roll Call No. 474; yea on Roll Call No. 475; yea on Roll Call No. 476; and yea on Roll Call No. 477.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUG WALKER'S RETIREMENT

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Doug Walker who has retired from his career in broadcast journalism after 43 years. Doug has served the people of south Mississippi at the WLOX news station for 30 years and has many notable accomplishments under his belt from his tenure with the station.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, causing mass amounts of devastation throughout south Mississippi. Doug and the WLOX team remained on the ground and on air during the storm so they could continue providing critical updates to south Mississippi. Because of this impeccable journalism, Doug and others at WLOX received the distinguished Peabody Award in 2006. This award recognizes broadcasting excellence in both news and entertainment. Without the coverage provided by Doug and the WLOX team, south Mississippi would not have received widespread updates before, during, and after the storm. We are grateful to have had these individuals remain engaged on delivering coverage of the hurricane and our recovery.

A year after Hurricane Katrina, Doug received a personal invitation to the White House for a one-on-one interview with President George W. Bush. During their discussion, Doug and President Bush reflected through the events that unfolded after the storm passed, both recalling the utter devastation the storm brought to Mississippi. Doug has recounted this invitation and interview as the highlight of his broadcasting career.

Furthermore, Doug exemplifies the "never quit mentality" that is embodied by so many along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Doug was diagnosed with kidney cancer in late 2006. Although that news may be defeating for some, Doug did not let it defeat his spirit. After many surgeries, Doug was cleared of his cancer and eventually returned back to his passion.

I have personally enjoyed working with Doug over the years, most often on the WLOX News this Week segment. I know he will be sorely missed on WLOX by many in south Mississippi.

I am pleased to recognize Doug for his many accomplishments over the years and wish him a very relaxing and well-deserved retirement.

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